



PARTNERSHIP FOR TRANSPARENCY

# Annual Report

2020 - 2021





[Partnership for Transparency](#) (PTF) advances innovative citizen-led approaches to improve governance, increase transparency, promote the rule of law, and reduce corruption in developing and emerging countries.

This report, spanning 2020 and 2021, summarizes the impact of PTF's work and demonstrates how we create and sustain value as an organization.

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# LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

In common with the rest of the world, PTF's operational program was dominated by our response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Thanks to the stellar work of our volunteer advisers and the generosity of our donors, we were able to quickly reconfigure programs to support our civil society partners' efforts designed to help their local communities access emergency relief, minimize opportunities for corruption, and ensure that scarce supplies of PPE and other medical services were distributed equitably. As highlighted in this report, these civil society organization (CSO) interventions in Argentina, Ghana, India, Uganda, and Zambia had a demonstrable impact. PTF's attention has now shifted to supporting programs for which these same partners are beginning to monitor public procurement of vaccines and the associated supply chains down to the actual delivery of shots to citizens. Given the weaknesses in the health delivery systems and overall scarcity of vaccines in most of our client countries, the risk that the most vulnerable populations will be excluded is very real. PTF's civil society partners have demonstrated their ability to effectively address this challenge in their COVID-19 responses.

Major procurement monitoring projects in Malawi and Moldova, funded by the European Union and the U.S. Department of respectively, are now underway. These projects build on PTF's considerable experience in enhancing the capacity of citizens to monitor e-procurement. Other recent initiatives include combating gender-based violence in India, monitoring education service delivery in Ghana, and promoting local governance and social accountability in the Philippines. These projects, initiated in 2020, are still under implementation. All these operations are implemented in close cooperation with, or under the leadership of, our regional affiliates in Africa, Europe, India, and Southeast Asia.

In addition to our operational activities, we continue to pursue an active knowledge sharing and partnership program. For example, in 2020, with [UNA-NCA](#), PTF co-hosted the [Sextortion Forum](#) to raise awareness and generate discussion around the pressing, yet often overlooked, aspect of corruption. We also hosted a [session](#) on the sidelines of the International Anti-Corruption Conference to spotlight our CSO partners' experiences on the front lines of the COVID-19 response. We continued sharing lessons learned from COVID-19 responses at the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Global Anti-Corruption and Integrity Forum. PTF also developed new partnerships with the the Open Society Foundations, Organisation d'Afrique Francophone pour le Renforcement des Systèmes de Santé et de la Vaccination (OAFRESS), U4 Anti-Corruption Resource Centre, and the Commonwealth Africa Anti-Corruption Centre (CAACC). We also maintained an active dialogue with nearly all the international financial institutions focused on promoting increased citizen engagement in their own operations.

PTF's total expenditures increased from \$451,303 in 2020 to \$984,720 in 2021. In addition, PTF's volunteer advisers provided 2,500 pro bono hours for program services and management with an estimated value of \$1,500,000.

It is important to emphasize that none of this could have been accomplished without the generous support of our donors and the stellar work of our impressive cadre of professional volunteer advisers. On behalf of our partners and the whole PTF family, we express our grateful thanks again.

Sincerely,  
Richard Stern  
President, Partnership for Transparency

# PROJECT MAP

PTF's operations focus on local communities, but we operate on a global scale with partners and projects around the world. The geographic spread of operations indicates PTF's willingness to work where we are needed and where partners ask for our help.





# COVID-19 RESPONSE

As COVID-19 swept the globe, PTF adjusted operations in order to directly support civil society efforts to assist with and monitor emergency response programs, ensuring help reached those who needed it most. PTF's COVID-19 response portfolio included support for civil society organization (CSO) partners in four countries, working on five projects designed to encourage citizen engagement in monitoring COVID-19 relief initiatives. These projects not only successfully achieved their stated objectives, but demonstrated the way in which CSO involvement enhances the efficacy of government response programs, which has already proven essential in other vaccination campaigns.

Each of PTF's COVID-19 response projects attempted to address the key challenges facing target communities in the first wave of the pandemic response: access to reliable information on COVID-19 and preventive measures, the opacity of public procurement and expenditures enabled by rapid response that bypassed traditional safeguards, and inequitable distribution of relief measures. By working with civil society partners and local citizens, PTF's projects staged interventions designed to mitigate these challenges and implement solutions to lessen the impact of COVID-19 on vulnerable communities, while encouraging citizens to hold government officials accountable to the communities they serve.

These projects demonstrated the ways in which, due to their unique connections to and positions within local communities, CSOs can help governments address the key corruption challenges hindering pandemic response and vaccination programs. Further, they show the value of CSO engagement at both the grassroots and national levels, as well as in dealing with practical issues on the ground and at the highest levels of the national response. PTF's work with local partners and lessons learned from COVID-19 monitoring projects have already been applied to third-party monitoring of vaccination campaigns in order to ensure efficiency and transparency in national programs.

## By the Numbers:

**6 PROJECTS IN 5 COUNTRIES**

**6 CIVIL SOCIETY PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS**

**5 VACCINE MONITORING PROJECTS**



# UGANDA

## SHARING INFORMATION TO COUNTER CORRUPTION AND ENSURE ACCOUNTABILITY

After working on a Health Transparency Initiative, jointly supported with a local Rotary Club, the [Anti-Corruption Coalition Uganda](#) (ACCU) shifted its focus to monitoring procurement and distribution of COVID-19-related prevention and response expenditures over a six-month period. PTF partnered with ACCU and the Rotary Club of Kasangati to implement a program based in Kasangati Health Centre IV. The project focused on supporting civic engagement in the implementation of COVID-19 funds and resources in Uganda with the aim of contributing to increased efficiency and economy. ACCU and the Rotary Club focused their interventions on activities designed to monitor and share information. This included training health care workers and community members on COVID-19 preventive measures, monitoring procurement and distribution of personal protective equipment, engaging citizens in monitoring beneficiaries and amounts of public expenditures, working with investigative journalists to unearth corruption and share information publicly, and sharing collected information with duty bearers through publications and meetings in order to close the feedback loop and promote constructive engagement. Investigative journalists produced two videos on corruption they uncovered in the government's COVID-19 response. These videos were shared with approximately 40,000 people and a press conference on government actions reached over 150,000.

As a result of this project, implementation of the government's COVID-19 response program was improved and accountability was enhanced due to citizens' awareness of their rights and responsibilities. These interventions also improved the efficiency of pandemic response measures by investigating and finding solutions to irregularities in the process of procuring and distributing medical supplies. Media interventions further enhanced transparency in Uganda's COVID-19 response by ensuring citizens had access to the information needed to hold officials accountable. As the project was designed and implemented at the grassroots level, citizens were more effectively engaged in the monitoring process, and CSO partners were able to share information in an appropriate cultural context.

## About Our Partner:

ACCU is a coalition of CSOs, started in 1999, whose sole objective is providing a forum through which various anti-corruption actors can enhance their capabilities and act as one strong voice that can effectively engage government on issues of corruption. ACCU works directly at the national and regional levels to bring together like-minded organizations and individual actors to fight against corruption in Uganda. PTF and ACCU have worked together on a number of projects in Uganda during their multi-year partnership. These projects have focused on supporting citizens to monitor public services in order to combat corruption.



# GHANA

## PUBLIC OUTREACH CAMPAIGN TO SHARE VITAL HEALTH INFORMATION

### Innovative Outreach:

#### USING THE RADIO TO REACH PEOPLE WHERE THEY ARE

To share information on COVID-19 and the response to the pandemic, SAVE-Ghana worked with a local radio station, "The People Must Know". The show not only provided vital information, but created a space for citizens to ask questions of local officials and government representatives. Leveraging airwaves and making use of widely accessible tools, SAVE-Ghana bridged, not only geographical but ideological, distances between civil society and government.

In the Sisaala East and West Districts in the Upper West Region of Ghana, PTF's long-time CSO partner [SAVE-Ghana](#) implemented a project to increase efficiency and effectiveness of the government response to the COVID-19 pandemic. SAVE-Ghana and PTF focused on supporting the Ghana Health Service (GHS) in its efforts to provide information on COVID-19 preventive measures, as well as procurement and distribution of supplies. SAVE-Ghana staff conducted visits to remote villages with a truck equipped with a megaphone to inform local populations about the need for frequent handwashing and social distancing, as well as where to go for financial help, medical care, and tests. They also promoted citizen-led monitoring of public expenditures on COVID-19 to analyze funds allocated for the pandemic response. To that, they worked with multiple stakeholders, including media, community leaders, and service providers to unearth and broadcast poor governance practices, inefficiencies, and waste in the implementation of the COVID-19 response.

In addition, this project involved a large-scale information campaign conducted through local radio stations. In particular, SAVE-Ghana enlisted the help of a popular local radio program, "The People Must Know", to share information, answer questions about COVID-19, and facilitate conversation between citizens and duty bearers. These efforts were supplemented by SAVE-Ghana's ongoing dialogue with authorities to provide feedback to improve implementation of COVID-19 response programs, based on findings from the monitoring work.

The project activities, which were concentrated in remote locations where local populations tend toward skepticism of external assistance, resulted in increased awareness of and access to information about COVID-19 prevention, enhanced transparency and accountability of public expenditures, improved procurement of medical supplies, and the establishment of a feedback loop between citizens and local authorities.





# INDIA

## PROVIDING LIFE-SAVING EMERGENCY RELIEF

In India, PTF worked with two civil society groups to implement projects in different regions of the country. One project in Odisha, implemented by [Youth for Social Development](#) (YSD), supported by the [India Development and Relief Fund](#) (IDRF), provided food and hygiene kits to migrant families and promoted community awareness of COVID-19 and social safety net benefits to help affected families stay safe and access the resources available to them. YSD also monitored and shared information on COVID-19 response expenditures to increase transparency and accountability and engaged directly with twenty different village councils.

In Rajasthan, the proximity of the [Centre for Advocacy and Research](#) (CFAR) to citizens proved essential in guiding government disbursement of relief services. CFAR's COVID-19 response programs, supported by PTF and IDRF, focused on targeted citizen outreach and support, providing emergency relief, such as food and hygiene kits for migrant workers stranded far from home, while also connecting them to local social safety nets. CFAR also worked closely with local government and community officials to ensure that accurate and reliable public health information was shared. In addition to emergency relief activities, CFAR worked with local government officials to identify and assist marginalized and excluded groups, such as migrant workers, to ensure these vulnerable populations also received access to benefits. By transferring supplies and information directly to citizens, CFAR demonstrated the importance of CSO involvement in relief efforts.

Both of these projects resulted in reduced risk of COVID-19 infections by raised awareness of COVID-19 preventive measures, contact tracing, and treatment information; decreased levels of hunger among vulnerable populations while they transitioned to government support programs; increased trust between communities and government authorities by facilitating information-sharing and collaboration on key response efforts; enhanced implementation of government response programs by monitoring for irregularities and helping with outreach; and improved inclusivity of health and social safety net services by identifying vulnerable populations and reducing exclusion errors.

### ABOUT THE INDIA DEVELOPMENT RELIEF FUND (IDRF)

## Donor Spotlight:

A consistent supporter of PTF projects, IDRF works to break the cycle of poverty in India, Nepal, and Sri Lanka by empowering marginalized people with skills, services, and infrastructure grounded in sustainable development. This is accomplished by raising funds to provide grants to grassroots NGOs working to improve social justice matters.



# ARGENTINA

## MONITORING NATIONAL PROCUREMENT OF PANDEMIC MEDICAL SUPPLIES

The rapid pace of the COVID-19 response in Argentina meant that typical transparency measures throughout the procurement process were sidestepped, further clouding an already opaque system. [Poder Ciudadano](#), Transparency International's chapter in Argentina, is working to ensure transparency in the pandemic response by establishing a Public Procurement Observatory that compiles all open-source information on procurement contracts of medical equipment and supplies. It is the only comprehensive national monitoring program and, to date, it has publicized more than 700 procurement actions by more than 60 public agencies valued at \$195 million. Under the project, Poder Ciudadano has also prepared and published a methodology for CSO engagement in monitoring procurement, storage, distribution, and delivery of medical supplies.

Additionally, Poder Ciudadano is developing a network of local CSOs to monitor vaccine delivery and distribution, especially to vulnerable populations. It has also published a regulatory risk map of the vulnerabilities to fraud and corruption of the non-transparent emergency procedures. Based on these initiatives, Poder Ciudadano is preparing recommendations for improving the transparency and effectiveness of COVID-19 response and vaccination programs.

The project has had a positive impact with government, the media, the CSO community, and sister institutions in other countries. Sub-national CSOs are developing their own observatories and show interest in applying the monitoring methodology. Through requests for information, Poder Ciudadano has identified more than one hundred contracts not listed in any portal. It has also been working with government authorities to improve reporting. In October 2020, Poder Ciudadano held a meeting with over 200 participants, including the President of the General Audit Office, Prosecutor of Administrative Investigations, and Deputy General Trustee of the Nation.

## Spotlight - Procurement Observatory:

To carry out the project objectives, Poder Ciudadano developed the first national Public Procurement Observatory. This is a web-based tool through which public information on purchases made by the national government was collected and systematized in an accessible format to detect irregularities in the procurement of goods and services of the National Public Administration. This method allowed Poder Ciudadano to systematize information on purchases and undertake a thorough analysis of the new regulations and their shortcomings. Poder Ciudadano will train other CSOs and countries how to use the Observatory to scale up impact.



# ZAMBIA

## TRACKING SUPPLIES AND CLOSING THE FEEDBACK LOOP WITH GOVERNMENT

In Zambia, with technical support from PTF advisers, Transparency International Zambia (TI-Z) has been tracking the distribution of medical supplies to combat COVID-19. To do so, TI-Z created the COVID-19 Donations Tracking (CoDoT) system, which will provide independent monitoring of the COVID-19 response donations, both declared and undeclared, from donation to the door (D2D), and assess corruption and abuse risk vulnerabilities based on the corruption risk assessment model. Specifically, the CoDoT system assesses whether established emergency management mechanisms and the supply chain system are working properly. The system will provide independent feedback to key stakeholders on management of the supply chain for the COVID-19 response.

To ensure a collaborative effort, a mechanism was established to promote a coordinated CSO voice in the demand for transparency and accountability. Furthermore, journalists are investigating undeclared donations with a view to announcing these in the public domain. Based on the monitoring, independent information is shared publicly, with the aim of activating citizens' interest in and demand for transparency, accountability, and action by those charged with managing the COVID-19 emergency response.

The 15-month project is part of a World Bank COVID-19 monitoring project to be implemented in eight target locations throughout Zambia. This project has been conducted alongside another TI-Z project, funded by the Swedish government, which monitors the procurement and distribution of vaccine supplies. Thus far, TI-Z has trained data collectors, district monitoring teams, and journalists to make use of the CoDoT system and established cooperative engagement with duty bearers.

***"While we may not be on the frontlines...we intend to play our part in ensuring that resources meant for the COVID response are safeguarded."***

**- Maurice K. Nyambe, Executive Director, Transparency International Zambia**

## Stakeholder Engagement:

The project in Zambia highlights the importance of cooperative engagement with stakeholders at every stage and every level of a project in order to maximize outcomes. In this context, TI-Z has established channels of communication and active dialogue with:

- 1) a project steering committee comprised of representatives from two government institutions and six CSOs,
- 2) local investigative journalists and media representatives, and
- 3) district monitoring committees that will act as TI-Z's local structures at the district level

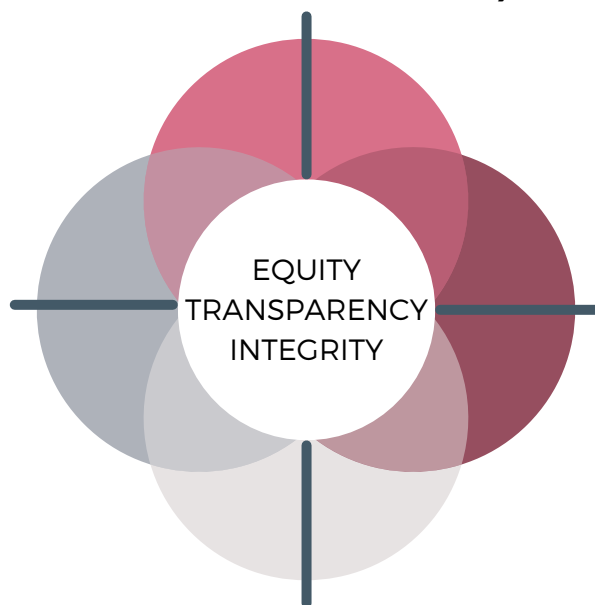


# NEXT PHASE: VACCINE MONITORING

As the first phase of COVID-19 response monitoring projects came to a close, PTF began to look ahead to the next challenge: distributing vaccines. Issues of equity, transparency, and integrity rose to the fore and it quickly became evident that help would be needed in the countries where PTF is most active. As was done in response to the onset of the pandemic, PTF applied our skills, network, and experience to meet this challenge. In nearly all the countries where PTF implemented COVID-19 response projects, the CSO partners developed proposals to extend and expand their work, applying methodologies and lessons learned from the pandemic response to monitor government distributions of COVID-19 vaccines. Upon review, PTF awarded grants to all applicants for this work. Planning for vaccine monitoring projects began in 2020 and implementation began in 2021. These projects focus on equitable access to vaccine doses, overcoming vaccine hesitancy, and monitoring transportation and distribution of vaccines. In particular, each of the vaccine monitoring initiatives addresses a unique aspect of this multifaceted global challenge.

Conducting **household surveys** and **vaccine center observations** with **YSD** to overcome **vaccine hesitancy** in **India**

Using the **Observatory** to gather information and report on **national procurements** of vaccines in **Argentina** with **Poder Ciudadano**



**Tracking vaccine shipments** and cold chain storage in **Ghana** to **monitor the transportation** of doses with **SEND-Ghana**

Collecting **reports from health workers** to support **community outreach** and **constructive engagement** with local officials through **ACCU** in **Uganda**

# BEYOND THE PANDEMIC

While a collective response to COVID-19 constituted a significant portion of work in 2020, the year also marked the start or continuation of projects that demonstrate the scope and scale of PTF's operations around the world.

## PTF'S PRIMARY SERVICES

### TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Connect experts with local organizations to jointly develop plans, support project implementation, and evaluate impact.

### NETWORKING SERVICES

Link organizations with similar goals and complementary skills to provide mutual support.

### KNOWLEDGE AND LEARNING

Share lessons by hosting events and publishing findings to advance our collective understanding on governance challenges.

### ANALYTICAL SERVICES

Provide analytical and advisory services on institutional development and improved citizen engagement.

## PROJECT FUNDING AND MANAGEMENT

Provide grants, accompanied by technical assistance, to CSOs undertaking good governance and anti-corruption projects.



Each of PTF's active projects incorporates a combination of these services, dependent upon the needs of the CSO partner implementing the project. At PTF, we believe in letting our partners lead and we support their efforts based on the skills and experience of our adviser network.

Using these tools, PTF is able to support projects in the following sectors:

**Public Procurement** in Malawi and Moldova

**Local Governance and Social Accountability** in the Philippines

**Education Service Delivery** in Ghana

**Reduction of Gender-Based Violence** in India



# MOLDOVA

## EMPOWERMENT THROUGH SKILLS TRAINING

On September 4, 2020, PTF began implementation of a project entitled “[Increasing the Integrity of Public Procurement in Moldova](#)”. The 28-month project, funded by the U.S. Department of State, is being implemented in cooperation with [IDIS “Viitorul”](#), a local NGO based in Chisinau. The aim is to enhance the capacity of CSOs and investigative journalists to engage in responsible monitoring of public procurement at the national and sub-national levels, with the goal of increasing transparency and fairness in the public procurement process and outcomes.

In April 2021, the inception phase was completed. This consisted of interviews and surveys with key stakeholders in procurement in Moldova, including public authorities such as the Public Procurement Agency, bodies charged with investigating and resolving complaints, business associations, and bilateral and multilateral donors to ensure broad-based awareness and support for the project. These steps formed the basis for the next phase of the project: training of civil society representatives and investigative journalists to equip them with the necessary knowledge, skills, and tools to effectively monitor procurement. The training program ran from October to December 2021.

The training, which was delivered by PTF, IDIS, and other local experts, covered topics such as the legal and regulatory frameworks governing public procurement in Moldova. CSOs and investigative journalists were trained to understand all phases of the procurement cycle and how to identify red flags indicating irregularities or possible corruption. Following the training, CSOs and investigative journalist organizations will be invited to submit proposals for actual monitoring of procurement and those that are competitively selected will be provided funding for at least one year. Mentoring and advice will be offered through the project for the duration of the monitoring period.



### Project Fast Facts

Project Managed by: PTF

CSO Partner: IDIS Viitorul

Grant: \$986,617

# MALAWI

## MONITORING INFRASTRUCTURE DEALS TO ENSURE ACCOUNTABILITY

In February 2020, PTF signed a contract to undertake an European Union-funded project with the [National Construction Industry Council](#) (NCIC) and the [African Institute for Corporate Citizenship](#) (AICC) to enable CSO monitoring of public infrastructure procurement. After a brief delay due to COVID-19, "[Strengthening the Capacity of CSOs to Promote Transparency and Accountability in Public Infrastructure Projects in Malawi](#)" officially began in November 2020 and will last for three years.

Primarily, the project aims to train CSOs in Malawi to monitor infrastructure deals and hold officials accountable. This project will also demonstrate the added value of CSO actors in efforts to enhance transparency and combat corruption. In order to achieve this goal, the project will focus on the following objectives: development of the capacity of CSOs to monitor infrastructure procurement, application of training principles to monitor procurement deals and budget expenditures of specific infrastructure projects, operationalization of the Information Platform for Public Procurement Infrastructure (IPPI), and promotion of evidence-based dialogue between CSOs and public institutions to improve performance in public institutions. The IPPI will allow public entities to submit infrastructure procurement documents and CSOs and the general public will be able to access and act upon the information collected and published on the platform.

In addition to PTF, NCIC, and AICC, other members of the project coalition include [Integrity Platform](#) (the chapter in formation by Transparency International Malawi), [CoST Malawi](#), CoST Africa Region, and [CoST International Secretariat](#). From December 17 to 18, 2020, the team hosted an introductory inception workshop to discuss the purpose, format, and activity plan of the project.



### Project Fast Facts

Managed by: PTF

CSO Partner: CoST Malawi

Funded by: European Union

Amount: \$783,693



# PHILIPPINES

## EMPOWERING AN ENGAGED CITIZENRY

In the Philippines, the Grassroots Governance Project, implemented by PTF's [affiliate in Asia](#) and the [LifeBank Foundation](#) (LBF), concluded with such success that a follow-up project was approved in early 2020 to enable scaling up of project activities and impact. This project focused on improving basic barangay (local government) governance literacy and increasing opportunities for community participation in the Philippines.

The Grassroots Governance Project aimed to catalyze a better-informed citizenry through knowledge and skills training about government programs and processes, as well as a more responsive government through citizen monitoring and feedback for better implementation and delivery of public services provided by government agencies. To achieve this goal, the team mobilized and trained a total of 180 LBF [Ikabuhi Microfinance Program](#) member beneficiaries in various modules on governance education on the application of community scorecard processes, barangay governance, budgeting and monitoring, and entrepreneurial development.

The first phase of the project concluded in February 2020, at which time PTF Asia was asked to provide briefings to the field-base operations managers of LBF to share results, initial impacts, and lessons learned. As a result of this success, soon after, the project replication was approved.

This project exemplifies the model of training to promote an engaged citizenry which defines much of PTF's work. By encouraging local actors to take an active role in their governance, projects like Grassroots Governance promote a bottom-up approach to increasing transparency and accountability and prove the importance of independent actors and citizen involvement in service delivery.



### Project Fast Facts

Managed by: PTF Asia

CSO Partners: Bicol State College of Applied Sciences and Technology; Carlos Hilado Memorial State College; Molte Aries International Foundation, Inc.; and University of Bohol Community Development Foundation

Funded by: LifeBank Foundation

Amount: \$87,400

# GHANA

## PROMOTING ENGAGEMENT IN EDUCATION SERVICES

Building on a long history of education initiatives in Ghana, PTF's [affiliate in Europe](#) (PTFeV) implemented the BRIDGE-GAPS project to improve education outcomes in the public schools of Northern Ghana through a series of trainings, community outreach initiatives, and the development of a mobile app to report teacher and student attendance and record classroom activity. These activities combine to achieve the overall project goal of addressing concerns within the school system in order to remove barriers between at-risk students and the prospect of an education.

Within the context of this project, [SAVE-Ghana](#), the civil society partner responsible for on-the-ground implementation, hosted meetings with primary stakeholders, including parent-teacher associations and school management committees, as well as village elders, local teachers, school administrations, and district and regional education authorities. These groups were trained in the use of community score cards and self-evaluation exercises, which are tools designed to strengthen citizen engagement and enhance social accountability in education. Ultimately, project beneficiaries in the seven target villages in the Sissala District of the Upper West Region were equipped with the means to advocate for their rights and exercise their responsibilities as stakeholders in their local school systems.

This project is supported by the [Schmitz Foundation](#) under the auspices of PTF Europe. This is the first project with direct financing from PTFeV. Operations began in July 2020 and plans are already in place to apply for an extension of the scope and timeline of the project while laying the foundation for increased PTFeV operations in the education sector.



### Project Fast Facts

Managed by: PTF Europe

CSO Partner: SAVE-Ghana

Funded by: PTF Europe and the Schmitz Foundation

# INDIA

## CATALYZING A RESPONSE TO GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

After an intensive and long period of preparation with the [Center for Research and Advocacy](#) (CfAR), PTF and the [India Development and Relief Fund](#) (IDRF) approved the 26-month project “Building a Coordinated Response to Prevent and Reduce Gender Based Violence in Ajmer, Rajasthan” to address this sensitive and difficult issue. In the first phase of the project, CfAR will undertake a study to analyze the scope of the problem, understand the resources available, and research applicable laws addressing the different aspects of the subject. Although delayed by COVID-19, ultimately, the study collected findings that will inform and define future project activities. Until the team was able to conduct research in the field, to maintain project momentum, they conducted desk-based research, including literature reviews and analysis of legal structures.

Once the pandemic conditions permitted, CfAR finalized the quantitative and qualitative research instruments and secured permission from local authorities to carry out the data-gathering exercise. Additionally, they secured a partnership with local authorities, which will lead to the sustainability and systemic change components of the project.

PTF and IDRF approved an extension to ensure CfAR could continue to carry out project activities. Upon completion of the study, all members of the project coalition will determine a path forward for this important work, which aims to address the root causes of violence against women and work within existing local structures to catalyze a cultural shift and systemic change.

Work has begun on the development of the next phase of the project, with plans to begin implementation early in 2022.



### Project Fast Facts

Managed by: PTF India

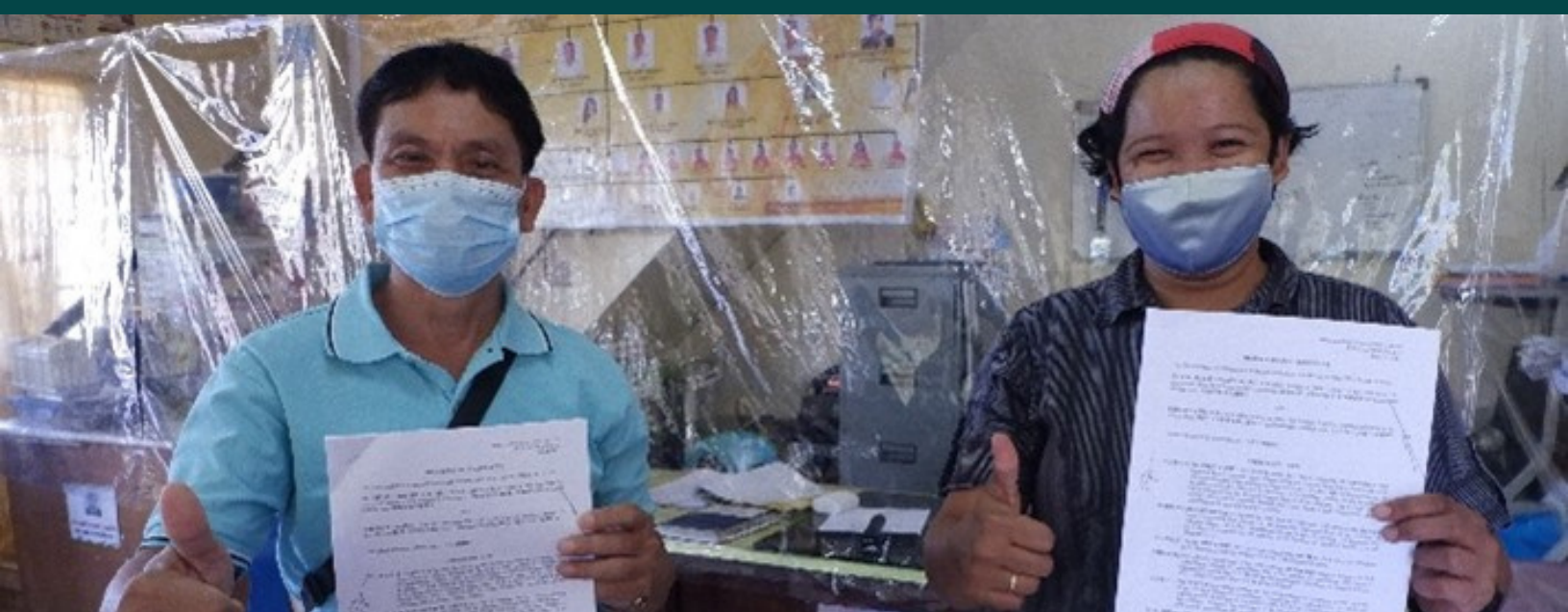
CSO Partner: Centre for Advocacy and Research

Funded by: The India Development Relief Fund

# SECTOR SPOTLIGHT: CLIMATE CHANGE

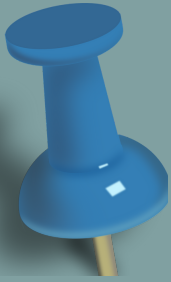
At PTF, we make sure our project portfolio remains responsive to pressing issues and current concerns. As a result, in recent years, PTF has initiated an effort to better understand the nature of corruption and poor governance with regard to climate change and the role civil society can play in addressing this challenge. In the same way that government-run projects in health or education do not always reach their intended beneficiaries or suffer from the hindrances of inefficiency and corruption, so do environmental protection plans. No sector is immune and we believe this challenge to be one of the most pressing. In order to assist, PTF can apply our skills and services to local environmental CSOs by helping them monitor the implementation and integrity of their respective governments' climate-related adaptation and mitigation programs.

The first steps toward expanding PTF's operations into climate change have been made in the Philippines by [PTF Asia](#). PTFA has partnered with the [Resources, Environment, and Economics Center for Studies](#) (REECS), a multidisciplinary team of natural resource and environmental economists, foresters, integrated water resource management specialists, and other practitioners. The project team will help the local government unit (LGU) of Iriga City enhance their proposal to access the [People's Survival Fund](#), an annual fund intended for LGUs and accredited local and community organizations to implement projects, which will better equip vulnerable communities to deal with and adapt to the impacts of climate change. The project also aims to improve citizen engagement in climate change and environmental governance in Iriga City (the pilot location) and develop a strategy for replication of the training program in other parts of the Philippines.



# REGIONAL AFFILIATES

While based in Washington DC, PTF works closely with its regional affiliates, which develop and manage our operations around the world. Each affiliate is an independent entity, but all are united in their commitment to PTF's mission and work together in pursuit of this common goal.

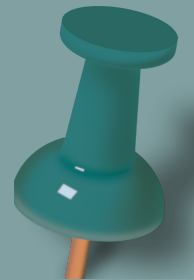


## PTF EUROPE

Based in Germany, [PTF Europe](#) (PTFeV) maintains a roster of members who assist with the design and implementation of projects in Europe and beyond. While concentrating on projects in the Western Balkans, Eastern Europe, the Caucasus, and Central Asia, the individual members also serve as experts worldwide. Currently, PTFeV is responsible for the management and funding of the BRIDGE-GAPS Education Project in Ghana. They have also begun to explore expansion into the climate change and environmental governance sector.

## PTF AFRICA

With operations managed out of Zambia and supported from Washington, DC, [PTF Africa](#) is responsible for the management and support of the bulk of PTF's operations on the continent. Over the past few years, PTF Africa has also conducted a concert outreach campaign to expand the roster of local contacts and partners who can ensure a local perspective is embedded in the design of future projects in Africa. This has led to the development of new partnerships and PTF's first country strategy focused on Uganda.



## PTF INDIA

[PTF India](#) has designed and managed all PTF projects in India with the support of a dedicated Board and funding source, as well as close partnerships with local CSOs. The hallmark of this affiliate is the deep partnerships built and sustained over the years that have allowed PTF India to deftly respond to the most pressing social issues with nuanced and effective approaches, informed by and adapted to the communities in which they work. Recent partnerships have also contributed to the creation of knowledge products, which enhance the capacity of the affiliate and its partners.

## PTF ASIA

Based in the Philippines, [PTF Asia](#) (PTFA) manages a project portfolio that spans a variety of sectors and locations in the Philippines and beyond. With a full-time support staff and management team, PTFA promotes the mission it shares with PTF by mobilizing funds and supporting the implementation of projects implemented by local CSOs in developing Asian countries. PTFA also draws lessons from each of its experiences to develop a vast library of knowledge products that assist civil society, research, and public policy.





# EVENTS

Every year, PTF hosts and participates in events in order to share information about lessons learned from our projects and initiatives. During these convenings, PTF advisers gather representatives from CSOs, peer organizations, and the wider network of anti-corruption and governance actors to discuss, analyze, and share their insights and experiences. While PTF has taken part in a number of events, three are highlighted below:

## PTF ANTI-CORRUPTION FORUM: SEXTORTION

PTF and the [United Nations Association of the National Capital Area](#) (UNA-NCA) jointly hosted an international virtual panel on July 1, 2020 to discuss the issue of sextortion, the demand of sexual favors for goods and services. The panelists noted that progress is being made to obtain data, conduct surveys, develop research with hard evidence, and increase the files of individual stories from around the world. The unprecedented wealth of new research and efforts, such as this event, to build public awareness offers the greatest hope that the sextortion issue will be taken seriously by governments and many others in the public and private sectors who could wield enormous influence in curbing a crime that plays out daily in every nation.

## INTERNATIONAL ANTI-CORRUPTION CONFERENCE

As part of the [International Anti-Corruption Conference](#), on December 1, 2020, PTF hosted a panel discussion on lessons learned from COVID-19 monitoring projects and the important role of civil society in relief efforts. The panel, comprised of representatives from CSO partners in India, Uganda, Mongolia, and the Philippines, discussed how CSOs addressed these challenges, as well as how governments and international financial institutions can incentivize collaborative approaches to control corruption and generate more efficient and effective COVID-19 responses. The discussion focused on how stakeholders can work together to promote the SDG 16 targets during and beyond the pandemic.

## OECD GLOBAL INTEGRITY AND ANTI-CORRUPTION FORUM

On March 25, 2021, PTF hosted a panel as part of the [Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development](#)'s Global Anti-Corruption and Integrity Forum. Representatives of three CSO partners shared insights into the ways their organizations could help to ensure equity and accountability in vaccine distribution. In addition to panelists providing first-hand accounts of their experiences, they focused on the need to ensure CSO involvement is incorporated as a more substantial component of pandemic response programs and vaccine distribution campaigns.



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COUNTRY	NAME OF PROJECT	TOTAL PROJECT COSTS	PTF CONTRIBUTION	CO-FINANCING
India	Ensuring Access to Covid-19 Vaccination to the Vulnerable and Marginalized Sections in Ganjam District of Odisha (Phase 1)	\$8,700	\$4,500	\$4,200
India	Ensuring Access to Covid-19 Vaccination to the Vulnerable and Marginalized Sections in Ganjam District of Odisha (Phase 2)	\$38,800	\$10,000	\$28,000
India	Setting Up a Help Desk and Linking Vulnerable Communities	\$32,562	\$10,000	\$22,562
Argentina	Promoting Integrity in Purchase and Distribution of COVID-19 Vaccines	\$59,530	\$10,000	
Uganda	Monitoring Transparency of Vaccines	\$17,500	\$17,500	
Philippines	Building Resilient Communities	\$121,110	\$75,000	\$46,110
Ghana	Enhancing Equity and Good Governance in COVID-19 Vaccine Deployment	\$75,000	\$75,000	



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